

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. How can the FCC pretend that such rawly partisan attempts to influence the election meet the legal requirements? This is the kind of monopolistic central control that we used to decry in authoritarian regimes; the fact that news monopolies are exercised by private rather than government hands makes them no less corrosive of democracy.

As one of the citizen-owners of America's airwaves, I demand that the FCC enforce and strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Sinclair has handed you the most eloquent reason why the license renewal process should not be automatic. Thank you.